

Munthu Wosapemphera

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Tinakumana koyamba pakati pa namondwe woopsa. Ngakhale tinakwera chombo chimodzi, zoti nayenso anali momwemo ndinazidziwa chombocho chitasweka n'kulowa m'nyanja. N'kutheka kuti ndinamuona pakati pa amalinyero a Chikanaka omwe ankayendetsa chombocho. Koma kunena zoon, sindinkadziwa zoti nayenso anali momwemo chifukwa chombo cha Petite Jeanne, chinali chitadzaza moziziritsa thupi. Kuwonjezera pa amalinyero a Chikanaka aja, omwe analipo 10, m'chombochi munalinso woyang'anira katundu, kaputeni wachifalansa komanso woyang'anira chombocho.

Chombochi chinayenda ngati nkho kuchokera ku Rangiroa chitasenza anthu pafupifupi 85. Anthuwa anali ochokera ku Paumotu ndiponso ku Tahiti. Pagulu la anthu amenewa panali azibambo, azimayi komanso ana ndipo aliyense anatenga kabokosi kake ka katundu wogulitsa—pamenepa sitikuwerengera mikeka yogonera, mabulange te komanso timaphukusi tosawerengeka tazovala.

Nyengo yofufuza ngale ku Paumotu inali itafika kumapeto tsopano ndipo asodzi ambiri anali paulendo wobwerera kwawo ku Tahiti. M'chombochi munalinso amalonda ena 5 omwe ankakagula ngale ku Paumotu. Pa anthu 5 amenewa panali awiri a ku America; wina anali Ah Choon—ndinali ndisanaonepo Mtchayina woyera kwa-

mbiri ngati ameneyu; wina anali wa ku Germany ndipo wina anali Myuda wa ku Poland, pamenepo ndiye kuti ndatchula ogula ngale onse 5.

Kunena zoon, malonda anayenda bwino kwambiri nyengo imeneyo. Pakati pa ogula ngalefe palibe amene ankadandaula, ndipo ndi mmenenso zinalili ndi anthu okwana 85 omwe anakwera nawo chombochi. Zonse zina-yenda bwino kwambiri ndipo tonse tinkayembekezera mwachidwi kukapuma komanso kukapitidwa mphepo ina ku Papeete. Monga ndanenera kale, chombo cha Petite Jeanne chinali chitasenza katundu woposa msinkhu wake. Chombochi chinkayenera kunyamula katundu wa matani 70 basi ndipo kunena chilungamo, kunali kuchizunza kwambiri kuchisenzetsa katundu komanso anthu ochuluka ngati mmene chinachitira pa nthawi.

M'zipinda zapansi munali mutadzaza ndi matumba a ngale komanso makokonati opangira mafuta. Ngakhale m'chipinda chomwe ife tinakwera munali mutadzaza ndi matumba a zikamba za nkono. Chinali chozizwitsa ndithu kuti amalinyero ankatha kuyendetsa bwinobwino chombo cholemedwachi. Ndingakuuzeni kuti mmene chombochi chinadzazira, zinali zosatheka kumayendayenda. Munthu amene akufuna kusuntha ankafunika kuyenda m'malere ndipo ukakhala usiku anthu ankangoti ndu-u, atagona pansu ngati matumba achimanga. Munthu akamayenda ankangoponda mitu ya anzake ndipo zimene ndiku-kuuzanizi si nkambakamwa ayi.

Kuwonjezera pa anthu omwe anasanjana ngati matumbawa, panalinso nkumba, nkuku, matumba a zilazi, ndipo m'mwamba monse munkalendewera makokonati oti anthu akamva ludzu aziboola n'kumamwa komanso nthochi zoti akamva njala azithothola n'kumadya. Pali-ponse pamene ungayang'ane panali patamanganamangana

zinthu.

Zinali zoonekeratu kuti ulendo wake ukhala wamavuto. Ndipo ngati tikanati tiyende masiku awiri kapena atatu, zikanatheka pokhapokha mphepo yochokera kum'mwera ikanakhala kuti inkaomba mwamphamvu. Koma ayi ndithu, mphepoyi sinkaomba mwamphamvu. Tita-ngoyenda kwa maola 5 okha, kamphepo kochepa komwe kankaomba kanasiyiratu ndipo usiku wonse kunali bata lochititsa mantha. M'mawa kutacha, nyanja inangoti zii ndipo unkati ukatsegula maso n'kuona mmene nyanjayo inadekhera, mutu unkatha kuyamba kukupweteka.

Pa tsiku lachiwiri tili pa ulendowu, mzibambo wina anafa. Mzibamboyu anali wochokera kuchilumba china chakum'mawa, ndipo anali msodzi waluso zedi pankhani yotola zikamba zokhala ndi ngale kuchokera m'nyanja. Munthuyu anafa ndi matenda a nthomba. Inali nthomba ndithu ndipo zoti mlirihu unalowa bwanji m'chombochi popeza pamene tinkachoka ku Rangiroa palibe anamvapo zoti kwabuka mlirihu, izo ndiye sindikudziwa. Ngakhale zinali ngati kutulo, chilungamo chake chinali choti inali nthomba ndithu ndipo inali itapha kale bambo mmodzi, moti anthu enanso atatu inali itawayala kale kumsana. Palibe chomwe tikanachita kuposa kungokhala n'kumadikirira kufa. Sitikanakwanitsa kupatula kapena kusala odwala matenda oopsawa, komanso palibe chomwe tikanachita kuti tiziwasamalira. Kunena zoona, tinapanikizana ngati nsomba zam'chitini. Kungochokera pamene munthu woyamba uja anafa, tonse tinkangokhala ngati taweruzidwa kuti tife.

Usiku umenewo, woyang'anira katundu uja, woyang'anira chombocho, Myuda wa ku Poland uja komanso asodzi okwana 4 anathawa m'chombochi pogwiritsa ntchito maboti apangozi. Anthu amenewa atangochoka,

sitinamvenso za iwo. M'mawa kutacha, kaputeni anamiza mwadala maboti omwe anatsala ndipo ife tinatsala manja ali m'khosi.

Tsiku limenelo kunafa anthu awiri, tsiku lotsatira kunafa anthu atatu, ndipo tsiku linalo nambalayi inalumphu n'kufika pa 8. Zinali zodabwitsa kuona mmene anthu anailandirira nkhanayi—anthu ankafuna kukomoka ndi mantha. Ngakhale kaputeni uja, yemwe dzina lake linali Oudouse, nayenso anali ndi mantha aakulu moti ankangoti ichi wanena, ichi wanena. Kaputeniyu anali wochokera ku France ndipo anali wonenepa kwambiri moti ukamuyang'ana, thupi lake linkangooneka ngati phiri lalikulu lopangidwa ndi mafuta okhaokha.

Munthu wa ku Germany uja, anthu awiri a ku America komanso ineyo, tinagula mowa wonse womwe unali m'chombocho ndipo tinayamba kuupapira. Mfundo yomwe tinkayendera inali yodabwitsa kwambiri. Tinkaona kuti ngati thupi lathu litadzaza ndi mowa, ndiye kuti kachilombo kalikonse ka nthomba komwe kangalowe m'thupi mwathu kazingowaukiratu. Mfundo imeneyi inatithandiza kwambiri. Komabe ndilape pano kuti ngakhale Kaputeni Oudouse komanso Ah Choon, omwe sanachite nawo zimenezi, nawonso sanagwidwe ndi matendawa. Mfalansayu sanamwe mowa ngakhale dontho, pomwe Ah Choon ankadziletsa n'kumangomwa botolo limodzi patiku.

Dzuwa linkawamba koopsa ndipo kunja kungoti duu. Kenako kunayamba kuomba mpemera womwe unachititsa kuti kugwe mvula. Tisanameyi, mvulayo inatitsukuluza kotheratu. Mvulayi itakata, dzuwa linang'ambikanso ndipo linkachititsa kuti nthunzi izinyamuka kuchokera m'nyanja muja moti tonse tinaphikikiratu ndi kutentha. Nthunzi imeneyi sinali yabwino ngakhale pang'ono. Inali

ngati nthunzi ya imfa chifukwa inkatenga majeremusi mamiliyoni ambirimбири kuchokera m'nyanja muja n'kumawalowetsa m'chombo tinakwerachi. Ndiye tikaona kuti majeremusi ambiri alowa m'thupi mwathu, tinkatenga mabotolo awiri kapena atatu a mowa wamphamvu kwamбири n'kuwakhuthulira kukhosi. Komanso tinkawonjezera chiwerengerochi nthawi iliyonse yomwe ankaponyera munthu wakufa ndi matenda a nthomba m'nyanja muja. Anthu ankachita zimenezi kuti apeze pokhala ndipo mashaki omwe ankasambira pafupi ndi chombocho ankatsuka mkamwa.

Tinamwa mowawu kwa sabata yathunthu, ndipo kenako unatha. Ndimaona kuti unachita bwino kutha, apo bi-i bwenzi ine kulibe lero. Ndikutero chifukwa zomwe zinachitika pambuyo pake zinkafuna munthu woganiza bwino bwino. Munthu woledzera sakanapuluma ndipo ndikukuuzani kuti ndi anthu awiri okha amene anapuluma m'chombochi—ineyo komanso munthu wina wosapemphera, malinga ndi mmene Kaputeni Oudouse ankamutchulira pamene ndinkamva koyamba za iye chombochi chitabanduka. Koma tibwereranso pa nkhani imeneyi.

Chakumapeto kwa mlungu umenewo ndinaona chipangizo choyezera mphepo chomwe chinakolekedwa penapake. Pamene tinkachoka ku Paumotu, chipangizochi chinkasonyeza 29.90, ndipo sizinali zachilendo kuona manambala amenewa akusinthana n'kufika pa 29.85 kapena 30.00, mwinanso mpaka 30.05. Koma kuona manambalawa akutsika n'kufika pa 29.62, kunali kokwanira kudzidzimutsa ngakhale munthu woledzera.

Ndinaitana Kaputeni Oudouse kuti adzaone zimenezi ndipo nayenso ananditsimikizira kuti wakhala akuona manambalawo akutsika kwa maola angapo. Ndi zochepa zomwe akanachita, ndipo anayesetsa kuchita mbali yake.

Anamanga nsalu zomwe zinkayendetsa chombochi, kunjata zingwe zopulumutsa anthu kenako n’kumadikirira kubwera kwa mphepo. Chinthu chokhacho chimene analakwitsa ndi zomwe anachita mphepoyo itafika. Iye anapitirizabe kuyendetsa chombocho mopita chitsogolo, zomwe munthu woona patali sakanachita atazindikira kuti kumene akupitako n’kumene mphepoyo ikuchokera.

Kunena zoon, tinali malo oipa kwambiri. Ndinkatha kuona zimenezi pachipangizo choyezera mphepo chija, chomwe tsopano manambala ake anali atatembenuka n’kumangokwera kupita m’mwamba. Ndinachita mantha kwambiri moti ndinayamba kuuza Kaputeni Oudouse kuti titembenuze chombocho n’kuthawa mphepoyo. Koma ayi ndithu, tinakangana mpaka kupsetsana mitima ndipo Kaputeni Oudouse sanasinthe maganizo. Ndimaona kuti vuto lalikulu linali loti ogula ngale anzanga aja sanali kumbali yanga. Iwo ankaganiza kuti ineyo ndi ndani kuti ndiziiza Oudouse zochita, ngati kuti ndinkadziwa bwino njira zapanjanja kuposa Kaputeniyu yemwe ankatha kuyendetsa chombocho atatsinzina!

Nyanja inalusiratu ndipo mafunde oopsa ankanyamuka mochititsa nthumazi. Sindidzaiwala mmene nyanja inachitira pamene mikuntho itatu inadutsa mongotsatizana. Namondwe woyamba anatekesa chombocho moopsa. Monga mmene zimakhallira mphepo yoopsa ikadutsa, chombocho chinatuluka mumkuntho woyamba chili ndi bala lalikulu. Ndipo ndingakuuzeni kuti zingwe zomwe zinamangiriridwa zija zinapulumutsa okhawo amene anali ndi mphamvu. Zinali zomvetsa chisoni kuona azimayi, ana, nthochi, makokonati, nkhumba, mabokosi oikamo malonda komanso anthu omwe anatenga matenda anthomba, zonse zikusesedwa ndi namondweyo n’kukhuthukira m’nyanja.

Namondwe wachiwiri anatekesa chombocho popanda wolimbana naye moti mbali zina za chombochi zinasosokeratu. Mlongoti wansalu zoyendetsera chombocho unaduka n'kuulukira m'mwamba. Mphepoyi inanyamulanso chikhuvu cha anthu omvetsa chisoni komanso katundu yemwe anapuluma ulendo woyamba uja ndipo zonse zinalowa m'nyanja yolusayo. Ndikukuzani kuti namondweyu anali chigumula chosesa miyoyo ya anthu. Anthu anakokoloka mitu italoza kutsogolo, ena cham'mbali, ena akugubuduka ngati miyala, ena akuzungulira ngati nguli komanso ena akunjanja ngati mpira. Omwe anali ndi timphamvu ankagwira ndi moyo wawo wonse zingwe kapena matabwa omwe anali mbali yomwe anakhuthukirayo. Koma ndikunena pano kuti anthu amenewa sanalimbe kwa nthawi yaitali chifukwa anzawo enanso omwe anakokoloka ankawagwira miyendo komanso malaya ndipo chifukwa cholemedwa, matabwawo ankathyoka n'kupita nawo limodzi, ndipo ena ankangopezeka kuti manja awo atopo moti iwowo limodzi ndi anzawo anawagwirawo ankayendera limodzi n'kukalowa m'nyanja kuti khovo-o.

Ndinaona bambo wina akugwa n'kumenyetsa mutu wake panso moti mutuwo unabanduka ngati dzungu. Kenako ndinatembenuka n'kuona mapiri amafunde omwe ankabwera chapoteropo, ndipo ndinaganiza zothawira mkati kuti ndipulumutse moyo wanga. M'mbuyo mwanga munkabwera Ah Choon komanso mmodzi wa anthu a ku America aja. Nawonso anali ataona tsoka linkabweralo. M'kanthawi kochepe mafunde aja anakhuthukira m'chombocho ndipo nditacheuka ndinaona munthu wa ku America uja akukokoloka ndi madzi ngati chipsipsi cha mzimbe. Ah Choon anagwira thabwa lachiwongolero cha chombocho ndipo mphepo ya namondweyo inali ikumulutsa ngati chovala moti miyendo yake inkangoti kata-

lakatala m'mwamba.

Mwatsoka lanji, mzimayi wina wonenepa kwambiri—mzimayi ameneyu ayenera ankalemera makilogalamu 250—ananyamulidwa ndi mphepo ndipo anagwira m'khosi mwa Ah Choon ndi dzanja lake lamanja. Ndi dzanja linalo anagwira m'malinyero wina wa Chikanaka yemwe ankawongolera chombocho. Pa nthawi imeneyo, chombocho chinapikuka n'kudzapendekeka moopsa ndipo matupi enanso a anthu osawerengeka anakhuthukira m'nyanja kuti po-o. Manja a Ah Choon komanso m'malinyero uja analephera kupirira moti onse limodzi ndi mzimayiyo ananyamuka n'kukalowa m'nyanja. Ndinaona Ah Choon akundiyang'ana momvetsa chisoni pamene ankayenda ulendo wake womaliza wokalowa m'nyanja.

Kenako kunadutsa namondwe wachitatu. Namondwe ameneyu anali woopsa kwambiri kuposa awiri aja. Pa nthawi imene namondweyo ankafika, aliyense anali atakonzeka. Mwachitsanzo, ena anagwira mwamphamvu matabwa, zingwe kapena chilichonse chomwe chinawayadikira. Kunena zoona, tonse tinali titatheratu moti ndinaona ena ali wefuwefu kumayesa kukwawira malo ote-tezeka kuti mphepo kapena mafunde zisawatenge. Theka la anthu amene anadzazana m'chombochi pamene tinkanyamuka ku Paumotu linali litalowa kale m'nyanja. Ogula ngale aja limodzi ndi ine tinayesetsa kuthandiza azimayi komanso ana, omwe mwina chiwerengero chawo chinali chokwana 15 kuti akalowe m'chipinda chamkati ndipo atangolowa tinawatsekera. Koma n'zomvetsa chisoni kuti zomwe tinawachitirazi sizinawathandize kwenikweni.

Kunena zoona pa moyo wanga wonse, sindinaoneponso mphepo ikuomba mwamtundu umenewo ndipo ndinali ndisanaganizirepo kuti mphepo ingaombe choncho. Ndikukuuzani kuti sindingakwanitse kufotokoza

bwinobwino mmene mphepoyo inkaombera, ndipo ndi ndani amene angakwanitse kufotokoza maloto oipa? Mphepoyo inali yoopsa kwambiri moti inkatha kung'amba zovala pathupi la munthu, ndipo sindikukunamizani ayi. Mwina ena a inu mungamaganize kuti ndikungo-kokomezeka, koma dziwani kuti mkulukulu ngati ine sindi-ngakhale pano n'kumakubwatikani ndi mabodza. Ndikuti inkapulula zovala m'matupi athu ndipo ndili siliyasi. Sindikukupemphani kuti mukhulupirire zimene ndikunene-nazi, ndikungokufotokozerani zimene ndinaona ndi maso angawa.

Pali nthawi zina pomwe ngakhale mwiniwakene sindikhulupirira kuti moyo wanga unadutsa m'zinthu zoopsa ngati zimenezo. Ndikutero chifukwa munthu sangakumane ndi mphepo imeneyo n'kukhalabe ndi moyo. Inali mphepo yoopsa kwambiri, ndipo kuopsa kwake kunkawonjezerakawonjezerakabe n'kufika poti sindingapeze mawu oti n'kupereka chithunzithunzi chokwanira cha zimene zinkachitika. Tangoyerekezerani kuti mukuombedwa ndi mchenga wolemera matani mabiliyoni ambirimbi ndipo mchengawo ukuthamanga paliwiro la makilomita 90, 100 kapena 120, mwinanso kuposa pamenepo, pa ola limodzi. Ndiye tayerekezerani kuti mchengawo ndi wosaoneka komanso wosakhudzika.

Mukhoza kuyerekezera zonsezi, komabe simungamvetsebe mmene mphepoyo inkaombera. Mwinanso mchenga si chitsanzo chabwino, koma tiyerekezere kuti mukuombedwa ndi matope, matope osaoneka komanso osakhudzika, matope olemera kwambiri ngati chitsulo. Ayi, zinali zoposa pamenepo. Chinenero ndi njira yomwe anthu amagwiritsa ntchito pofotokoza zochitika zodziwika bwino zam'moyo, koma sichingakwanitse kufotokoza bwinobwino zochitika zoopsa ngati mphepo ndikunenayi.

Mwinanso zikanakhala bwino ndikanangosiya, osayesa n'komwe kudzivutitsa kukufotokozerani za kuopsa kwa mphepoyi.

Ndingakuuzeni kuti anamondwe awiri oyamba aja sanali kanthu tikawayerekezera ndi mphepoyi. Zinkangokhala ngati nyanja yonse yanyamulidwa m'mwamba kuti tumphu-u! N'zoonza kuti zinthu zambiri zinali zitapita kale ndi madzi, komabe Kaputeni Oudouse ataona kuopsa komangopitabe kutsogolo nyanja itapenga mwamtundu umenewu, anatulutsa chida chomwe ankachidalira.

Ndinali ndisanaonepo chinthu changati chimenechi m'zombo zomwe zinkayenda panyanjayi. Anali nangula wodabwitsa kwambiri. Nangulayu anali ndi chitsulo chokhala ngati ngowe kutsogolo kwake komanso anali ndi zinthu zinazake zokhala ngati mapiko. Ndinaona Kaputeni Oudouse akutulutsa chinthu chimenechi n'kuchivungira m'mwamba moti chinauluka ngati mbalame n'kukalowa m'madzi kuti cho-o. Nangulayo anakaluma pansi pa nyanja ndipo chingwe chachitali chinagwira chombocho kuti chisapite ndi mphepo. Zimenezi zinachititsa kuti chombocho chizingovinavina pamalo amodzi.

Mpaka pano ndimaonabe kuti zinthu zikanatiyendera tikanakhala kuti tinaganiza mofulumira n'kuthawa mphepo yoopsayi. Komanso ndimaona kuti zinthu sizikanafika poipa kwambiri zikanakhala kuti sitinayang'anizane ndi mphepoyo mwachindunji. Chimenecho ndi chimene chinatipweteketsa. Thupi langa lonse linaferatu poyesa kupirira mkuntho wamphepoyo ndipo ndinangotsala pang'ono kutaya mtima n'kusiya chingwe chomwe ndinagwira. Pamene tinkafika pakati pa namondweyo zinkangokhala ngati ndili kutulo. Mungadabwe nditakuuzani kuti pakati pa namondweyo panalibepo mphepo ngakhale pang'ono ndipo kamvekedwe kake kanali kodwalitsa ko-

manso kochititsa chizungulire.

Kumbukirani kuti kwa maola ambiri tinali tiku-ngokhalira kugwira mwamphamvu zinthu kuti tisapite ndi mphepo, moti minofu yathu inali itakokekakokeka. Ndiye tangoganizirani kuti mwadzidzidzi zingopezeka kuti mphepo yonse yasiya. Ndikukumbukira kuti ndinkango-mva ngati ndakhuta mpweya mofanana ndi chibaluni chopopa kapena chubu chanjinga. Koma zimenezi sizi-nakhalitse ndipo chiwonongeko chotheratu chinali kutso-golo kwathu.

Popeza pamalowa panalibe mphepo, nyanja inalumpha n’kudzati piku-u, kupita m’mwamba. Zikuoneka kuti mphepo yomwe inkaomba kuchokera mbali zonse n’kumabwera pamalo opanda mpweyawa, ndi imene inkanyamula mafunde oopsa omwe ankawinduka panyanjayi. Koma zoopsa ndi zakuti pakatipo panalibe mphepo yoti izi-letsa mafunde oopsawa choncho ankangotumphuka ngati phala lolimba lomwe likubwadamuka mumphika womwe waikidwa pamoto wamphamvu. Mafunde ake anali aatali sizinaonekenso, aatali ngati mapiri, ndipo kuona mafunde amenewo kukanatha kuchititsa munthu kudziipitsira m’kabudula. Kenako mapiri amafundewo anayamba kuti-khuthukira pamitu.

Wopulumuka mafunde amenewo anali mwamuna ndipo ndikuganiza kuti si anthu ambiri amene anaonapo nyanja ikunyamuka m’malere ngati mmene zinachitikira pa nthawiyi. Mafundewo ankagwa ngati mvula ndipo madontho ake anali aakulu ngati akukhuthuka mumgolo. Ndinakuuzani kuti anali aatali ngati mapiri—koma ayi, ndimakunamizani—anali oposa pamenepo. Ukawayang’ana, ankangokhala ngati akuchokera kumwamba. Kunali kuphulika kwakukulu kwa madzi ndipo ankagwera paliponse ngati madontho masauzande ambiri a mvula.

Ankati ena kukhuthuka, ena n’kumabwera pambuyopo. Nyanja inali itanyangala ndipo kuopsa kwake kunali koposa maloto alionse oopsa kuwaphatikiza pamodzi. Zinkangokhala ngati taikidwa mumphika n’kumatakasi-dwa. Zomwe zinachitika pamenepo zinali chipasuko komanso chiwonongeko chotheratu.

Ndikukuuzani kuti komwe kunapita chombo cha Petite Jeanne sindinakuone. Munthu Wosapemphera uja nayenso anandiuza kuti sakudziwa kuti chombocho chinallowera kuti. N’kutheka kuti chinaphwasukiratu, kunyenyeke, kenako n’kusanduka phala. Pamene maganizo anga ankabwereramo, ndinali ndili m’madzi. Zoti ndapezeka bwanji m’madzimo, palibe chomwe ndinkadziwa. Ndima-ngokumbukira pang’ono ndikuona chombo cha Petite Jeanne chikuphulika ndipo zimenezi zinachitika n’kuthwanima kwa diso. Pamene ndinkatsegula maso anga, ndinali ndili m’nyanja. Koma kunena za zonse zimene zinachitika pakati pa nthawi imene ndinaphethira ndi nthawi imene ndinayang’ana, sindizikumbukira ngakhale pang’ono.

Kaya chinachitika n’chiyani, koma nkhani ndi yakuti ndinali m’madzi tsopano ndipo ndinkangofunika kuchita zonse zomwe ndikanatha kuti ndidzipulumutse, zomwenso zinalibe chiyembekezo chilichonse. Mphepo inali ikuombabe. Nditaponya maso ndinaona kuti panyanjapo pankawinduka mafunde ang’onoang’ono. Pamenepo ndinazindikira kuti ndachoka pakati panamondwe woopsa uja. Mwamwayi, pamalowa panalibe mashaki omwe akananditola n’kundikhwasula. Namondweyo anali atamwaza zidutswa zachombo chija moti timatabwa topulumuka tinkangoti yandayanda pamwamba pa madzi.

Ndinapitirizabe kusambira ndipo kenako ndinaona chimodzi mwa zitseko za chipinda chosunga katundu chija. Mvula yamphamvu inali ikukhuthuka ndipo ndi mwayi

wokhawokha kuti chitsekochi chinkayandama molowera kumene ndinali. Nditangochiona, ndinadziwa kuti ndikhoza kukhala ndi moyo kanthawi kotalikirapo, ndikutanthauza ngati mashaki akanapanda kundigwitsa ntchito.

Kwa maola atatu, ndinapitirabe kupalasa ndipo pa nthawiyi ndinali nditatseka maso anga n'kuika maganizo onse pa ntchito yopuma mpweya wokwanira kuti ndisafe, kwinaku ndikuyesetsa kupewa kupuma madzi omwe ankawinduka ndi mafunde n'kumafuna kundimiza. Pa nthawi imeneyi m'pamene ndinamva mawu. Mvula ija inali itakata ndipo mphepo komanso mafunde zinali zitayamba kusiya. Nditaponya maso ndinaona chitseko china. Pachitseko chimenechi panali Kaputeni Oudouse ndi Munthu Wosapemphera uja. Anthu awiriwa ankamenyanirana chitsekocho, mwina ndinene kuti Mfalansayo ndi amene anali ndi vuto chifukwa ankakaniza mnzakeyo kugwira chitsekocho.

"Païen noir!" ndinamumva Kaputeni Oudouse akukuwa m'Chifalansa, ndipo pamene ankanena zimenezi, ananyamula phazi lake n'kumusasantha nalo Mkanakayo pakamwa moti analenguka n'kulowa m'madzi.

Zovala zonse za Kaputeni Oudouse zinali zitapita ndi mphepo, kupatulapo nsapato zokha. Nsapatozi zinali zazikulu komanso zolemera ngati zitsulo moti kumumenya nazo mnzake pakamwa kunali kulakwa kwakukulu. Ndinamuona Mkanakayo akudzilimbitsa kuti abwererenso pachitsekocho, koma tsopano ankasambira motaya mtima. Ankati akamayandikira chitsekocho, Mfalansayo ankamupitseza ndi mwendo wake. Akamachita zimenezi ankamutchula Mkanakayo kuti Munthu Wosapemphera.

"Ndikhozatu kubwera komweko kudzakuswa mutu mfiti iwe!" ndinamukuwira.

Chimene chinachititsa kuti ndisapiteko n'choti ndi-

nali nditatopa kwambiri. Pa nthawiyi, kungoganizira zosambira kunkandichititsa nseru. Choncho ndinangoitana Mkanaka uja kuti abwere tidzagwiritse ntchito chitseko changa. Posakhalitsa anafikadi ndipo anandiuzza kuti dzina lake ndi Otoo komanso kuti kwawo ndi ku Bora Bora. Anandiuzanso kuti chitseko chimene Kaputeni Oudouse ankachitira mithulo chija chinali chake moti Mfalansayo anapezeka pachitsekocho atamumvera chisoni n'kumuitana. Zikuoneka kuti Munthu Wosapempherayu anaona Kaputeni Oudouse atabanika ndi kusambira pakati pa nyanja, akuoneka kuti alibiretu chiyembekezo choti apulumuka. Koma kenako atamusonyeza chifundo anangopezeka kuti wamugalakira n'kumuthamangitsa pachitseko chakecho moti ndi mtima wake wankhansawo anafika pomuonetsa Mkanakayo zidindo zajombo yake. Nditamva zimenezi ndinaona kuti chisonidi chinaphetsa nkhwali.

Umu ndi mmene zinakhalira kuti ndikumane ndi Otoo. Iye sankakonda zolimbana ndi munthu. Anali munthu wabwino kwambiri, woganizira ena komanso wachikondi kuposa mkazi. Otoo anali munthu wotalikirapo komanso wokulupala moti anali wofuka minofu ngati chiphona. Ngakhale sankakonda zandewu, Otoo sanali munthu wamantha. Anali wolimba mtima ngati mkango, ndipo m'zaka zotsatira ndinamuona akuchita zinthu zoo-
psa kwambiri zomwe sindinaoneponso munthu wina akuzichita. Chimene ndikutanthauza ndi choti ngakhale sankakonda ndewu komanso zokokanakokana ndi anthu, Otoo sanali munthu woti zinthu zikavuta n'kuthawa. Ndipo akaputidwa kunkakhala fumbi moti aliyense ankadziwanso zoti kwayipa akayamba kuzipulumutsa zibakera.

Mpaka pano sindimaiwala zomwe anamuchita Bill King. Pa nthawi imeneyo tinali tili ku German Samoa. Kudera limeneli anthu ankatama Bill King chifukwa cha

nkhanza zake pa nkhani yogogoda anthu. Munthu amene-
 neyu anali khuluku wotheratu. Komanso ankadziwa ku-
 gwiritsa ntchito manja ake pogulula anthu mano. Ndiye pa
 tsikuli, Bill King ndi amene anayambitsa ndewu powu-
 mbudza Otoo mateche awiri komanso kumuwaza ma-
 mbama angapo, kufikira pemene Otoo anaona kuti aku-
 funika kuchitapo kanthu. Otoo anali wodekha komanso
 wopirira kwambiri. Anali mphiri, njoka yofatsa koma yoti
 ikaluma, yalumiratu.

Sindikuganiza kuti ndewuyo inatenga ndi mphindi
 zinayi zomwe. Mosadziwika bwinobwino ndinangoona
 Otoo akutembenuka m'malere n'kuyamba kumusambitsa
 Bill King chokweza. Pamene ndewuyo inkatha, Bill King
 anali atathyoka nthiti zinayi, mkono komanso phewa.
 Otoo sankadziwa chilichonse chokhudza masewera
 ankhonya ngati mmene zinalili ndi Bill King. Iye anka-
 ngodziwa kumusamalira munthu basi. Ndikukuuzani kuti
 zinamutengera Bill King miyezi itatu kuti awongokere
 kumatenda odzibweretserawa, omwe anawalandira mo-
 wolowa manja kuchokera kwa Otoo pagombe la Apia.

Uku ndinangodutsako, tiyeni tibwerere kunkhani
 yathu. Ndimakamba zoti ine ndi Otoo tinakwera limodzi
 chitseko chija. Ndiye zimene tinkachita ndi zoti wina aka-
 kwera pachitsekocho n'kumagona, wina ankasambira aku-
 kankha chitsekocho thupi lake lili m'madzi. Kwa masiku
 atatu, usana ndi usiku, tinapalasa chitsekocho koma osa-
 ona mtunda. Moyo wathu unali pachiswe ndipo ine ndinali
 nditatayiratu mtima. Nayenso Otoo ankangodziyankhulira
 yekha ngati wamisala m'chinenero chakwawo. Mafunde
 omwe ankatimiza mobwerezabwereza anachititsa kuti
 tisafe ndi ludzu ndipo tikakhuta madziwo dzuwa linka-
 tiwamba n'kutisumbudzula zipumi moti ndi madzi amche-
 rewo tinatuwiratu ngati abakayawo.

Pamapeto pake, Otoo anapulumsa moyo wanga. Ndinangozindikira ndili pagombe lina, mwina mapazi makumi awiri kuchokera m'madzi, ndipo ndinali nditaphimbidwa ndi masamba kuti ndisapse ndi dzuwa. Otoo ndi amene anandikokera pamenepa n'kundivindikira ndi masambawo. Nditatembenuka ndinamuona atagona pammbali panga. Kenako ndinagonanso moti ndinadzidzimuka usiku Otoo akuyesa kundimwetsa madzi a kokonati, atagunditsa chibanthu chake pamilomo yanga.

Ndife tokha amene tinapulumsa muchombo cha Petite Jeanne. Kaputeni Oudouse ayenera anatopa n'kusiya kuyesayesa pakati pa nyanjayo ndipo patatha masiku angapo tinaona chitseko chomwe ankachitira mithulo chija chitakocheza kugombe popanda munthu. Ine ndi Otoo tinakhala ndi anthu apadokolo kwa mlungu umodzi kufikirira pamene kunabwera chombo china chomwe chinkapita ku Tahiti. Tisanachoke, tinapanga mwambo wosinthana mayina. Chakum'mwera kwa nyanjayi, mwambo umenewu unali wofala kwambiri. Kusinthana mayina kunkachititsa kuti anthu awiri azigwirizana kwambiri kuposa anthu apachibale. Ineyo ndi amene ndinamuuza kuti tichite mwambowu ndipo Otoo anagwirizana nazo.

“Zili bwino mbuyanga,” anatero Otoo m'Chitahiti. “Anthufetu takhala masiku atatu tikulimbana ndi imfa.”

“Imfa inatillumiradi mano, koma yalemba m'madzi,” ndinatero ndikumwetulira.

“Chimene chija ndiye chamuna, mbuyanga,” anatero Otoo, “anthufetu tinafika poitseka pakamwa imfa.”

“N'chifukwa chiyani ukunditchula kuti 'mbuyanga'?” ndinamufunsa nditakhumudwa. “Usaiwaletu kuti tasinthana mayina. Iweyo ukuyenera kumanditchula kuti Otoo ndipo ine ndikuyenera kumakutchula kuti Charley. Kwa iweyo ndikhala Otoo ndipo kwa ineyo ukhala Cha-

rley mpaka kalekale. Ndi mmenetu mwambo umanenera. Ndipo tikadzamwalira—ngati zingadzachitike kuti takakhalanso ndi moyo kuseri kwa mitambo—ineyo ndidzakhalabe Otoo kwa iwe ndipo iwe udzakhalabe Charley kwa ine.”

“Chabwino mbuyanga,” anayankha Otoo nkhope yake ikuwala ndi chisangalalo.

“Ukupitirizabetu!” ndinatero mokhumudwa.

“Musadandaule ndi zimene zikutuluka pakamwa panga mbuyanga?” anatero Otoo. “Apa ndi pakamwa pakudya zamchere. Mumtima mwangamu inuyo ndi Otoo kwa ine. Ndikakhala pansi n’kumaganizira za ine, ndizikhwalanso ndikuganizira za inu. Anthu akatchula dzina langa, ndizikumbukira za inu. Ndipo kaya ndi kuseri kwa mitambo, inuyo mudzakhalabe Otoo kwa ine mpaka kalekale. Zili bwino, si choncho mbuyanga?”

Ndinayesa kubisa kachimwemwe kanga ndipo ndinamuuza kuti zili bwino.

Kenako tinasiyana ku Papeete. Ine ndinatsala pado—ko lakumeneko kuti ndipitidweko mphepo ina ndipo Otoo anabwerera kwawo ku Bora Bora. Patatha milungu 6 ndinamuonanso akutulukira. Ndinadabwa kwambiri ndi zimenezi chifukwa anandiuza kuti ali ndi mkazi ndipo akufuna kubwerera kwawo n’kukayamba moyo watsopano ndi banja lake.

“Kodi mukufuna kupita kuti mbuyanga?” anandifunsa Otoo titangopatsana moni ndipo ine ndinakhwinyatitsa mapewa anga posowa chonena. Kunena chilungamo, limeneli linali funso lovuta kwambiri.

“Padziko lonse lapansi,” ndinamuyankha choncho. “Padziko lonse—konse kumene kuli nyanja komanso zilumba.”

“Tikhala limodzi,” anatero Otoo. “Mkazi wanga uja

anamwalira.”

Ndikufuna ndikuuzeni kuti sindinakhalepo ndi mchimwene wanga, koma zimene ndinaonapo pakati pa anthu apachibale, ndisakunamizeni, sindinaonepo munthu amene anakhalapo ndi mchimwene wake wabwino kwam-biri ngati mmene zinalili ine ndi Otoo. Otoo anali ngati mchimwene wanga weniweni, bambo anga komanso mayi anga, zonse mwa munthu mmodzi. Ndipo ndingakuuzeni kuti ndakhala ndi moyo wabwino komanso wolongosoka chifukwa cha Otoo.

Kunena zoona, sindinkafuna kumukhumudwitsa. Nthawi zonse ndinkafuna kumachita zinthu zoyenera pamaso pake. Chifukwa cha Otoo sindinkafuna kumachita zinthu zomwe zikanandiyalutsa pagulu kapena kudetsa dzina langa. Ndinkakhala ndi mantha oopa kumukhumudwitsa ndikaganizira mmene ankandilemekezera, kundikonda komanso kundilambira. Ndimakumbukira nthawi zingapo pamene ndinangotsala pang’ono kulumphira m’mavuto, koma nditaganizira za Otoo ndinabweza phazi langa.

Otoo ankandinyadira ndipo zimenezi zinachititsa kuti ndiziyesetsa mmene ndingathere kuti ndisamachite zinthu zopanda nzeru. Kunena moopa Mulungu, ndingakuuzeni kuti panatenga kanthawi kuti ndiphunzire mfundo imeneyi chifukwa Otoo sankandidzudzula kapena kunditsutsa ndi mawu akaona kuti ndikulowera kutchire. Ankangondiponyera diso lake ndipo disolo likafika pa ine, chikumbumtima chinkandigwira moti ndinkadziletsa kuti ndisachite zosokonekera. Pang’ono ndi pang’ono ndinayamba kumva kuwawa kwambiri ndikaganizira momwe zochita zanga zinkamukhudzira moti ndinatsimikiza mti-ma kuti ndiziyesetsa kumachita zoyenera nthawi zonse.

Tinakhala limodzi kwa zaka 17. Kwa zaka 17 anali

phewa langa lotsamira, ankandiyang'anira ndikamagona komanso kundisamalira ndikamadwala. Ndikavulala ankatsuka mabala anga ndipo nthawi zina ankavulala chifukwa cha ine poyesa kunditeteza. Nthawi zonse tinkayenda limodzi pamaulendo apanyanja. Tinayenda pa Nyanja ya Pacific kuchokera ku Hawaii mpaka ku Sydney, komanso kuchokera ku Torres Strait mpaka kuzilumba za Galapagos. Tinayenda kuchokera kuzilumba za New Hebrides n'kukazungulira ku Louisiades, New Britain, New Ireland, komanso ku New Hanover. Chombo chathu chinasweka maulendo atatu, koyamba pafupi ndi zilumba za Gilberts, kachiwiri kuzilumba za Santa Cruz, ndipo kachitatu kuzilumba za Fiji. Tinadutsa paliponse pomwe tikanapeza makobidi. Tinkachita malonda a ngale, makokotati opangira mafuta, zikamba zankhono, ziphapha za zombo zakufa, ndi zina.

Maulendo amenewa anayambira ku Papeete, Otoo atangondiuza kuti apita nane limodzi pamaulendo anga apanyanja. M'masiku amenewo ku Papeete kunali malo omwera mowa komwe asodzi, amalonda, makaputeni komanso anthu oyenda panyanja ankapita akafuna kupha ludzu komanso kuiwalako mavuto. Koma ndisanameyi, anthu ankadziiwala akakhala malo amenewa ndipo kunkakhala kuusamba mowa. Ena ankachita kufika pongolowa m'botolo lamowa momwemo. Ndimadzimvera chisoni kuti nthawi zambiri ndinkachokako usiku kwambiri, zomwe sizinali zoyenera malinga ndi kuopsa kwa derali. Kaya ndichokako nthawi yanji, Otoo ankadikirira n'kuonetsetsa kuti ndakafika bwino kunyumba.

Poyamba ndikamuona ndinkamwetulira. Kenako ndinayamba kumukalipira ndipo zitandikwana ndinamumasulira n'kumuuza kuti ine si mwana woti azichita kundilondola kulikonse. Nditangomuza mawu amenewa,

anasiya kundidikirira moonekera. Koma tsiku lina, ndi-namuona atabisala kuseri kwa mtengo wamango. Apa n'kuti patatha sabata imodzi nditamuuza mawu aja. Ziku-oneka kuti sanasiye kuonetsetsa kuti moyo wanga ndi wotetezeka moti ankakhala tcheru kuti pasapezeke wondichita chipongwe ndikamabwerera kunyumba.

Nditangozindikira zimenezi, nzeru zinabwereranso m'mutu mwanga. Ndinayamba kuona kuti ndingachite bwino kumachoka kumowako nthawi yabwino. Ndiye nthawi zina zinkachitika kuti ndili kumowako mvula n'kuyamba kukhuthuka. Nthawi zambiri zikaterere m'pamene-nso macheza ankabeba kwabasi. Koma ndikangoganizira za Otoo ali pansi pamtengo wamango, akunyowa ndi mvula pondidikirira, mtima unkayamba kundiwawa kwambiri moti ndinkailowa mvula n'kumapita kunyumba kuti ndikafike nthawi yabwino pakhomo. Kunena zoona, Otoo anandithandiza kuti ndikhale munthu wabwino popanda kutulutsa mawu.

Chinthu china chochititsa chidwi ndi Otoo chinali chakuti anali munthu wamfundo zake. Iye monga Munthu Wosapemphera, sankadziwa chilichonse chokhudza makhalidwe a Chikhristu. Anthu onse apachilumba chakwawo ku Bora Bora anali Akhristu ndipo Otoo anali munthu yekhayo pachilumba chonse cha Bora Bora yemwe anali wosapemphera. Iye ankakhulupirira kuti akadzafa ndiye kuti zonse zathera pomwepo. Pa moyo wake, chofunika kwambiri chinali kukhala bwino ndi anthu komanso kumachita zinthu mwachilungamo. Kwa iyeyo kuchitira munthu chipongwe kunali koipa kwambiri kuposa kumupha, ndipo ndimakhulupirira kuti ankalemekeza kwambiri zigawenga kusiyanana ndi anthu achinyengo omwe ankaphimba anthu m'maso pomachita zabwino pagulu, kuseri akuchita makhalidwe oipa.

Ponena za ine, Otoo sankagwirizana ndi zoti ndi-zichita zinthu zomwe zingandipweteketse. Nkhani yotcho-va juga analibe nayo vuto chifukwa nayenso ankatchova juga osati pang'ono. Koma kuyenda usiku, iye ankatero, ndi koopsa kwambiri kwa munthu. Otoo ankandiuza kuti anaonapo anthu akulephera kudzisamalira n'kumango-oneka ngati zitsiru, kuika moyo wawo pachiswe kapena kumwalira kumene atadwala malungo chifukwa choti amangokhalira kugona kumowa. Otoo sankayerekeza ku-mwa mowa ndipo ankadana kwambiri ndi anthu omwa mowa mosadziletsa. N'kutheka ankayendera mfundo ime-neyi chifukwa anaonapo anthu ambirimбири akuphedwa kapena kuchita manyazi chifukwa cha chakumwa.

Monga ndanenera kale, Otoo ankaonetsetsa kuti zi-nthu zikuyenda bwino pa moyo wanga. Nthawi zonse ankaganizira zomwe angachite pothandiza kuti zinthu zi-ndiyendere bwino. Ankatha kuona mapulani anga n'ku-ndithandiza kudziwa zomwe ndingachite kuti ndiwakwa-niritse. Otoo ankachita chidwi kwambiri ndi mapulani anga kuposa mmene mwini wakene ndinkachitira. Poya-mba ndisanazindikire cholinga chake ndinkadana nazo kwambiri. Atazindikira zimenezi anayamba kuchita zinthu mochenjera n'kumandithandiza maganizo m'njira zosao-nekera. Mwachitsanzo, tili ku Papeete, pamene ndinkali-ngalira zopanga mgwirizano wamalonda ogulitsa manyo-wa ndi tambwali wina dzina lake Randolph Waters, si-ndinkadziwa kuti cholinga chake chinali kundiyeretsa m'maso. Ngakhale azungu ena ku Papeete sanazindikire kuti munthuyu ndi tambwali wotheratu. Ngakhalenso Otoo sankadziwa. Koma ataona zimene ndinkachita, ana-yamba kuchita kafukufuku wake popanda kundifunsa ndipo anatulukira kuti Waters ndi wakuba.

Chombo cha Waters chitangokocheza pagombe,

Otoo, yemwe ankangokaikira zochita zake, anapita kuka-chita kalondolondo ndipo anatulukira umambala wake wonse. Ndikukuuzani kuti ndinazizidwa thupi pamene ankandifotokozerana nkhani imeneyi. Poyamba ndinkaganiza kuti akungokokomeza moti ndinanyamuka n’kupita kwa Waters kuti ndikamufunse za mphekesera ndinamvayo. Pamene ndinkamufunsa nkhanayi, Waters anangoti zyoli-i moti posakhalitsa anathawa padokoli n’kupita ku Auckland.

Poyamba, ndivomereze modzichepetsa pamenepa, zinkandinyansa kwambiri Otoo akamalowerera bizinezi yanga. Koma nditangozindikira kuti ankandifunira zabwino, ndinayamba kumukhulupirira ndi mtima wonse moti ndinkatsatira mosanyinyirika malangizo ake. Otoo anali watcheru kwambiri moti ankazindikira mwachangu ngati pali mwayi wamalonda omwe angandibweretsere makobidi. Kunena mopanda jelasi, Otoo ankaona patali. M’kupita kwa nthawi anakhala mlangizi wanga wodalarika moti kenako anafika poidziwa bwino bizinezi yanga kuposa mwiniwakene.

Pa nthawi imeneyo ndinali munthu wachibwana kwambiri popeza ndinali mnyamata. Monga mukudziwira moyo wamnyamata, ndinkakonda kwambiri akazi kusiyanandi kupanga makobidi. Komanso ndinkakonda kunjoya moti nthawi zambiri ndinkangokhalira kugona kuzisangalalo. Choncho zinali bwino kuti ndinali ndi munthu wokhulupirika yemwe ankayang’anira bizinezi yanga komanso moyo wanga. Ndimadziwa kuti ndikanapanda kukumana ndi Otoo, bwenzi nditamwalira kalekale.

Pazochitika zambiri zomwe ndimakumbukirabe mpaka pano, ndingokutchulirani chimodzi. Ndisanayambe malonda ogula ngale ku Paumotu ndinkagwira ntchito yosaka anthu oti azikagwira ntchito m’mafamu moti ule-

ndo wina tinapita ku Samoa. Pa nthawi imeneyo, mwayi winanso woti ndizisakasaka anthu ogwira ntchito m'ma-famu unanditsegukira. Otoo nayenso anavomera kuti andithandiza ntchitoyi ndipo kwa zaka 6 zotsatira—m'zombo zosiyanasiyana—tinkakocheza m'malo oopsa kwambiri m'chigawo chonse cha Melanesia.

Tikakhala kumalowa, nthawi zonse Otoo ankaone-tsetsa kuti ali nane pafupi. Kuti tikambirane ndi anthu amene tinkafuna kuwalemba ntchito, tinkafunika kukafika padoko lawo. Ndiye chimene chinkachitika ndi choti maboti athu ena komanso chombo chathu zinkaima chapatali m'madzi kuti akaona choopsa abwere kudzatipulumutsa. Nthawi zambiri tikafika padoko lomwe anthu ake sitikuwadziwa bwinobwino, tinkakhalabe m'boti. Koma kwa anthu omwe tikuwadziwa tinkatha kutsika n'kukafika kumtunda titatenga katundu wathu wogulitsa. Zikaterere, Otoo ankaima pamalo abwino n'kugwira mfuti yake akuyang'ana uku ndi uku kuti akaona choopsa chilichonse ayambe kuziphaphalitsa zipolopolo.

Nawonso antchito athu omwe ankatidikirira m'maboti aja ankakhala ndi mifuti yomwe ankaibisa pamalo abwino. Ndiye patsikuli, ndinatsika boti lomwe ndinakwera n'kuyamba kufotokozera anthu apachilumbacho kuti ali ndi mwayi wokagwira ntchito m'minda ya ku Queensland. Anthuwa anali ndi mbiri yoti amadya nyama ya anthu ndipo Otoo anakhala tcheru. Nthawi ndi nthawi ankandichenjeza akaona zinthu zokaikitsa kapena akazindikira kuti anthu ena akufuna kundichita chipongwe. Akaona kuti pakufunikira kutero, ankatha kuomba mfuti yake ndipo ndinkangozindikira munthu yemwe amafuna kundichita chipongweyo wagwera pansi. Limeneli linali chenjezo loyamba limene ndinalandira ulendo umenewu ndipo ndinayamba kuthawa kuti ndikakwere boti lathu.

Pamene ndinkakafika pamene panali botilo ndinapeza mkono wa Otoo ukundichingamira.

Ndimakumbukira ulendo wina tili ku Santa Anna, zinthu zinafika povuta kwambiri amaliwongo ena atati-panikiza. Ndikuthawa kuti ndikakwere boti lathu, ndinapeza kuti lakakamira mumchenga. Maboti ena omwe anali m'madzi anayamba kutithamangira kuti adzatipulumutse. Pa nthawiyi, amaliwongo ambirimbi anali atafika kale moti akanatha kundidula khosi mabotiwo asanafike. Otoo ataona kuti zinthu zasolobana anadumphira kumtunda, ndipo anafika pamene panali katundu wathu n'kutapa zinthu zamtengo wapatali n'kuzimwazira mbali zonse. Anamwaza fodya, ndolo, misompho, mipeni komanso nsalu. Amaliwongowo sakanakwanitsa kungoyang'ana zinthu zamtengo wapatalizi moti anaima n'kuyamba kuzitola. Pamene ankakanganirana zinthuzi, tinakwanitsa kukankha boti lathu lija n'kulowa m'madzi ndipo posakhalitsa tinapalasira kwakuya. Pambuyo pa maola anayi, tinakwanitsa kupeza anthu okwana 30 pachilumba chomwechi omwe anavomera kukagwira ntchito m'mafamu a ku Queensland.

Palinso zokhoma zina zomwe tinakumana nazo ku Malaita. Chilumba chimenechi chinali ndi anthu ovuta kwambiri pazilumba zonse za ku Solomons. Ndingakuuzeni kuti anthu apachilumbachi anali aubwenzi kwambiri. Mwina ndinene kuti anali aubwenzi wodabwitsa. Mphunosalota, ife sitinkadziwa zoti mudzi wonse unali utasonkherana ndalama kwa zaka zingapo kuti adzagulire mutu wa mzungu. Anthu amenewa ankakonda kwambiri mitu ya anthu ndipo ankafunitsitsa atakhalanso ndi mitu ya azungu. Ndiyeno anagwirizana kuti munthu amene adzapeze mutu wa mzungu adzatenga ndalama zonse zomwe ankasonkheranazo. Monga ndakuuzirani kale, anthu-

wa anali aubwenzi kwambiri ndipo patsikuli ndinali mwi-na mapazi 100 okha kuchokera pagombe pomwe tinai-mitsa boti lathu. Otoo anali atandichenjeza kale za anthu-wa ndipo monga zinkakhalira nthawi zonse, ndikapanda kumumvera ndinkakumana ndi mavuto.

Ndikuchita zanga, mwadzidzidzi ndinangoona mta-mbo wa mipaliro ukulunjika pa ine ndipo mipaliro yo-kwana khumi ndi iwiri inalowadi m'thupi langa. Nthawi yomweyo ndinayamba kuthawa, koma chifukwa chami-paliro inalowa m'thupiyo, sindinapite patali moti ndina-ngoindikira ndili m'dothi. Amaliwongo aja anayamba kundithamangira, aliyense chikwakwa chake chili m'ma-nja, nkhope zawo zikuonetseratu kuti zili ndi dyera loipa lofuna kulekanitsa mutu ndi thupi langa n'kutenga mutu. Aliyense wa iwo ankafunitsitsa kukalandira mphoto ana-pangana ija. Chifukwa cha chisokonezo chomwe chinali pamenepo ndinakwanitsa kuzinda zikwakwa zingapo po-dziponyera kumanja komanso kumanzere mumchenga.

Kenako Otoo anatulukira. Sindinaoneponso munthu wodziwa kukonza anthu ngati uyo! Sindikudziwa kuti chi-kwakwa anachitenga kuti, koma zomwe anachita pame-nepo zinali zodabwitsa. Ndinaona akugwiritsa ntchito chi-kwakwacho mwaluso zedi moti chinasonyeza kukhala chothandiza kwambiri kuposa mfuti. Iye analowa pakati pa amaliwongowo ndipo ali pakatipo anthuwo sakanamu-chita chilichonse. Otoo anali atabwera kudzandipulumu-tsa, ndipo anali ataudya moto. Mmene ankayendetsera mkono wake ndi chikwakwa chija zinali zozizwitsa! Ndi-naona mitu ya amaliwongo aja ikuuluka m'mwamba ngati malalanje. Posakhalitsa anthuwo anazindikira kuti kwaipa moti analangiza mapazi awo ndipo Otoo anabwera ku-dzanditola n'kuyamba kuthawa nane. Pa nthawi imeneyi m'pamene koyamba pa moyo wake anabayidwa ndipo

sanandisiye mpaka anafika pamene panali boti lathu mipaliro inayi italowa m'thupi mwake. Kenako anandisiya m'botimo n'kutenga mfuti ndipo chipolopolo chilichonse chomwe ankaomba ankathothola nacho munthu. Amaliwongowo atathawa, tinapalasa boti lathu n'kupita komwe kunali chombo chathu kuti tikalandire chithandizo chamakhwala.

Kwa zaka 17 tinakhala limodzi ndipo Otoo anandithandiza kuti ndikhale munthu. Lero anthu akhoza kumanditchula kuti ndine mpondamatiki, koma ndikunenetsa pano kuti sindikanafika pamenepa popanda Otoo.

“Inuyo zidyani ndalama zanu, ndipo zikatha mupezanso zina,” anatero Otoo tsiku lina. “Panopa si zovuta kupeza ndalama. Koma mukadzakalamba, mukhoza kudzakhala mulibe chilichonse. Chumatu ndi mchira wa khoswe. Ndaonapo moyo wa azungu ambirimbi ine. M'madokomu muli azungu ochuluka omwe panopa anafika potha ntchito ndi ukalamba. Koma kuti muwafunse, poyamba anali amphamvu ngati inuyo ndipo ankapeza ndalama zankhaninkhani ngati mmene mukuchitiramu. Koma lero alibiretu chilichonse. Iwo amangodikirira achi nyamata ngati inu kuti mukakocheze kugombe n'cholinga choti akakupempheni ndalama yamowa.”

“Anyamata achikuda ndi akapolo m'mafamumu. Amalandira madola 20 okha pachaka ndipo amafunika kugwira ntchito mwakhama. Koma woyang'anira wawo sagwira ntchito ngakhale pang'ono. Chomwe amadziwa ndi kuloza ntchito komanso kukalipira anthu basi. Amakwera hatchi yake n'kumayang'anira anyamata ake akamagwira ntchito, koma amalandira madola 100 pachaka. Ineyo ndimayenda maulendo apanyanja ndipo ndimalandira madola 15 pamwezi. Ndikukuuzani kuti ndimalandira ndalama zimenezi chifukwa ndimadziwa kugwira

ntchito komanso ndimachita khama. Koma mukudziwa? Kaputeni amalandira ndalama kuwirikiza kawiri zimene ine ndimalandira ndipo amamwa mowa wam'mabotolo ataliatali. Koma sindinamuonepo akukoka chingwe kape-na kugwira ntchito zina zangozi komanso zoyamwa mpha-mvu tikakhala panyanja. Nayenso amangolamulira basi, koma amalandira madola 150 pamwezi. Zimenezi zima-chitika chifukwa ineyo ndimangogwira ntchito zomutha-ndizira, koma iyeyo amadziwa njira zapanyanja. Mbu-yanga, ndikuona kuti mungachite bwino kuphunzira kuye-nda panyanja, mukhale Kaputeni.

Otoo anandilimbikitsa kuchita zimenezi. Iye anka-yenda nane maulendo apanyanja ngati wondithandizira ndipo ankasangalala kuposa wina aliyense ndikamatso-golera chombocho. Kenako ndinangomva:

“N’zoona kuti Kaputeni ndi amene amalandira nda-lama zambiri, koma nthawi zonse amafunika kukhala pa-nyanja. Ndi mwinichombo amene amadya bwino, ndipo iyeyo sagwira ntchito iliyonse. Amangokhala neng’a-a ku-nyumba kwake n’kumadikirira kuti ndalama zibwere.”

“Zoona, komatu chombo ndi chodula, kuti uchigule umafunika kukhala ndi madola 5,000. Ndipo chombo cho-mwe ungagule ndi ndalama imeneyo ndi chochakachika,” ndinamutsutsa Otoo. “Kuti ndiyambe pano kusungira, ndalama imeneyo ikhoza kudzakwana nditakalamba.”

“Pali njira zina zomwe mzungu angapezere nda-lama mbuyanga,” anapitiriza Otoo, akuloza chigawo china chomwe chinali ndi mitengo ya kokonati yambirimбири.

Pa nthawi imeneyo tinali kuzilumba za Solomons. Tinkakatenga mtedza winawake m’mbali mwa zilumba za Guadalcanar.

“Pakati pamtsinje umenewu ndi mtsinje wina wo-mwe uli kutsogoloko, pali mtunda wa makilomita atatu,”

anatero Otoo. “Malowa ndi athyathyathya ndipo ndi aakulu kwambiri. Panopa malowa akuoneka ngati opanda ntchito. Koma zaka zikubwerazi, ndani akudziwa mwina akhoza kudzakwera mtengo kwambiri! Anthu akhoza kudzakupatsani ndalama zankhaninkhani mutawagulitsa malo amenewa. Malowa ali pabwino kwambiri moti zombo zikuluzikulu zikhoza kumadzakocheza pamenepa. Mukhoza kugula malowa motchipa kwambiri kwa mfumu yokalamba yam’dera lino pongopatsa ndudu zafodya zokwana 10,000, mabotolo 10 a mowa wotchipa, mfuti imodzi, zomwe kuziwonkhetsa zonse zikhoza kungokwana madola 100 basi. Kenako mukhoza kupeza zikalata za malowa, ndipo chaka chamawa, kapena chaka chinacho, mungadzakatamuke mutawagulitsa modula n’kupeza ndalama zogulira chombo chanuchanu.”

Ndinatsatira malangizowa, ndipo mawu akewa anakwaniritsidwadi, ngakhale kuti zimenezi zinachitika patatha zaka zitatu. Ndinapeza zikalata za malowo omwe anali mayekala 20,000. Ndinauzidwa kuti malowo akhala anga kwa zaka 99 nditalipira kandalama kochepea kuboma. Patangotha masiku 99, ndinawagulitsa kukampani ina pamtengo wodula kwambiri moti ndinakatamuka osati masewera. Ndi Otoo amene anaona mwayi umenewu. Ulendo winanso Otoo anandilimbikitsanso kugula malo ku Doncaster. Malowa tinawagula madola 500 ndipo tinawagulitsa madola 15,000. Otoo ananditsogolera kuti ndikagule minda ku Savaii. Ananditsogoleranso kogula *cocoa* ku Upolu.

M’kupita kwa nthawi, tinasiya kuyenda panyanja ngati kale. Tsopano ndinali nditatola chikwama. Ndinakwatira mkazi wokongola n’kumakhala moyo wapamwamba kwambiri ngati mfumu. Koma Otoo sanasinthe. Iye ankaonekabe ngati kale, ankangokhalira kuyendaye-

nda kaliwo wake ali pakamwa, atavala buluku lake lotchira la *lava-lava*. Mungadabwe nditakuuzani kuti Otoo ankakana kugwiritsa ntchito ndalama zomwe tinapangira limodzi. Palibe chomwe ankalola kuti ndimuchitire ngati njira yomuthokozera. Choncho ndinkangomukonda basi, ndipo ndikukhulupirira kuti analandiradi chikondi chokwanira kuchokera kwa tonsefe. Ndingakuuzeni kuti ana anga ankamulambira, ngakhalenso mkazi wanga. Ndimakona kuti akanakhala wina, akanatha kundimenya m'mimba n'kundilanda mkazi.

Otoo ndi amene anathandiza ana anga kufika podzimira paokha. Anayamba ndi kuwaphunzitsa kuyenda. Ankakhala nawo pafupi akamadwala. Onse adakali aang'ono, ankawatengera kunyanja mmodzimodzi ndipo anawaphunzitsa kusambira ngati ng'ona. Anawaphunzitsa zonse zokhudza nsomba komanso njira zozigwirira, ndipo ana angawa anasanduka akatswiri pa nkhani ya usodzi kuposanso ine. M'thengenso anawaphunzitsa chimodzimodzi. Ali ndi zaka 7, Tom ankadziwa mayina a mitengo yosawerengeka yomwe ineyo ndinali ndisanamvepo. Ali ndi zaka 6, Mary anatsetserika pathanthwe lina lalitali osavulala—ndinali nditaonapo anthu ena amphamvu zawo akugwa mochititsa manyazi pamalo amenewa. Ndipo Frank atangokwanitsa zaka 6 ankatha kubweretsa kunyumba ndalama zomwe ankatola panso pa nyanja, mwina misinkhu itatu ya munthu wamkulu kulowa panso.

“Anthu akwathu ku Bora Bora amadana ndi anthu osapemphera. Onse ndi Akhristu okhaokha ndipo ineyo sindisangalala nawo chifukwa ambiri ndi achinyengo,” anandiuza choncho tsiku lina. Pa nthawiyo ndinkamukakamiza kuti azigwiritsa ntchito ndalama zomwe zinali zake ndithu ndipo ndinamuuza kuti apite kwawo kukaona

achibale ake pogwiritsa ntchito chimodzi mwa zombo zathu. Ndinkaganiza kuti avomera kuti akadzipeseko, koma ayi ndithu anakana.

Ndanena kuti chimodzi mwa zombo zathu, ngakhale kuti kuboma, malinga ndi malamulo apanthawiyo, zombozo zinali zanga. Ndinavutika kwambiri kumukakamiza kuti tizichita malonda pamodzi monga munthu ndi mnzake posainirana pangano la mgwirizano.

“Mbuyanga, takhala tili mabwenzi komanso tikuchitira zinthu limodzi kungochokera pamene chombo cha Petite Jeanne chinasweka,” anatero Otoo. “Ngati mtima wanu ukufuna kuti tichite kusainirana pangano, basi, tiyeni tisainirane panganolo mwalamulo. Ineyo sindikugwiranso ntchito pano, koma mumandiwonongera ndalama zankhaninkhani. Ndimadya, kumwa komanso kusuta mmene ndingafunire ndipo zimenezi zimatha ndalama. Kuwonjezera apo, ndalama zomwe ndimatchovera juga sizichoka m’thumba mwanga, koma nthawi zambiri ndimadyetsa ndithu. Indedi, tiyeni tisainirane pangano mwalamulo. Ndikufunikiradi ndalama. Ndipo ndizipita ku ofesi kwa kalaliki kuti azikandipatsa ndalama zimenezi.”

Kenako tinasainiranadi pangano. Komabe, zinthu sizinasinthe moti chaka chotsatira ndinamupezanso n’kuyamba kumudandaulira.

“Charley,” ndinamuitana Otoo, “iweyo ndi munthu woipa kwabasi. Koma umadziwa kuchuluka kwa ndalama zomwe zikuyenera kukhala zako pa nthawi yonse yomwe takhala limodzi? Kalaliki wandipatsa pepala ili. Pepalali likusonyeza kuti chaka chatha unatenga madola 87 ndi masenti 20 okha basi.”

“Kodi pali ndalama zomwe ndikufunika kubweza?” anafunsa mwankhawa.

“Ayi, ukufunika kulandira masausande ambirimbi-

ri,” ndinamuyankha. Nkhope yake inawala mosonyeza kuti mtima wake wakhala m’malo.

“Ndiye zili bwino pamene,” anatero Otoo. “Kallaliki uja amalemba ndalama zonse zomwe ndatenga. Zotsalazo ndikadzazifuna, ndidzazitenga, ndipo ndidzatenga zonse osasiya ngakhale khodo. Ndikadzangoyerekeza kupeza ina itasowa,” anatero Otoo mwamphamvu, kenako anapumira, “ndidzamugwira pakhosi mpaka atandipatsa ndalama zanga zonse.”

Nthawi zonse, mogwirizana ndi zimene ndinatulukira pambuyo pake, Otoo ankangotenga kandalama kochepa kwambiri n’kuchititsa kuti ineyo ndizingopeza phindu lonse.

Koma kenako mapeto anafika. Monga zimakhallira kuti ubwenzi uliwonse umakhala ndi pothera pake, nthawi inafika yoti ndisiyane ndi Otoo. Tinali tili kuzilumba za Solomons komwe m’mbuyomo tinachita zazikulu kwambiri pamene tinali anyamata. Pa nthawiyi tinali patchuthi, komabe tinaganizanso zoyendera mabizinezi athu pachilumba cha Florida. Tinkafunanso kukaona ngati n’zotheka kutsegula misika yogula ngale ku Mboli Pass. Choncho tinayenda n’kukapuma ku Savo tilinso ndi cholinga choti tikachiteko malonda pang’ono. Koma ku Savo kuli mashaki olusa kwambiri. Mashakiwa anakonda derali chifukwa anthu ake anali ndi chikhaliidwe chosayika anthu m’manda. Munthu akamwalira ankangomutenga n’kukamutayira m’nyanja. Choncho mashaki anakonda kuzungulirazungulira deralo kuti azitola ndiwozi.

Ndiye patsikuli, ndinakwera bwato kuti ndikafike padokoli. Bwatolo linali laling’ono kwambiri ndipo lina nyamula zinthu zoposa msinkhu wake. Mwatsoka lanji, tinangozindikira latembenezika. M’bwatolo munalinso anthu 4 omwe anali mbadwa za kuderali. Tonse tinango-

zindikira takhuthukira m'madzi ndipo nthawi yomweyo tinayamba kusambira. Mwatsoka, chombo chathu chinali patali moti tinkaona kuti kuli bwino tingotembenezanso bwatolo n'kukwera m'malo moyamba kusambira molo-wera kumene kunali chombocho. Choncho tonse tinkangosambira pafupi ndi bwatolo ndipo posakhalitsa tinaitembenezanso. Pa nthawi imeneyi ndinamva mmodzi wa anthu 4 aja akulira. Munthuyo anali atagwira bwatolo mwamphamvu ndipo zikuoneka kuti chinthu china chin-kamukokera m'madzi. Chinthuchi chinamuviika m'madzi maulendo angapo ndipo kenako tinangozindikira wasowa. Inali shaki, shaki inali itamugwira.

Anthu ena atatu otsala aja, omwe anali patsogolo panga anayesetsa kuchita zonse zomwe akanatha kuti akwerenso m'bwatolo. Koma zikuoneka kuti anthuwa anali ozizira maganizo kwambiri chifukwa onse ankafuna kukwera bwatolo nthawi imodzi. Ndinayesetsa kuwakuwira kuti azikwera mmodzimmodzi koma sanandimvere. Wina ndinachita kum'menya kumsana, koma zikuoneka kuti anali atasokonezeka kwambiri ndi mantha. Pamene ankati azikwera, nthawi yomweyo bwatolo linatembenezanso ndipo onse anakhuthukiranso m'madzi.

Nditaona kuti pavuta, ndinayamba kusambira molo-wera kumene kunali chombo chathu. Ndinkaganiza kuti mwina wina akhoza kubwera kudzandipulumutsa paboti ndisanafike kumene kunali chombocho. Mmodzi mwa anthu 4 aja anayamba kunditsatira, ndipo tonse tinkangosambira mwakachetechete. Munthuyo ankasambira pam-bali panga ndipo nthawi ndi nthawi tinkalowetsa mitu yathu m'madzi kuti tione ngati sikukubwera shaki.

Posakhalitsa tinamva kufuula kwa anthu awiri omwe anatsala pamene panali bwato lija ndipo tinazindikira kuti nawonso atengedwa. Nthawi yomweyo ndina-

lowetsa mutu wanga m'madzi ndipo ndinaona chishaki chachikulu chikutitsatira. Posakhalitsa ndinangozindikira chili pambalipa ndipo zimene zinachitika pamenepo zinali zoopsa kwambiri. Ndinaona ndi maso angawa zonse zimene zinachitika. Shakiyo inayenda mwamphamvu n'kumabwera kumene kunali ifeko ndipo ine ndinatembenuka moti inandiphonya n'kudutsa. Ndinaona shakiyo ikulowera kwa munthu ankasambira pambali panga uja ndipo inamuluma pamimba n'kumapita naye. Kwa kanthawi shakiyo inamukoka akuphiriphitha pamwamba pa madzi. Zimenezi zinachitika kwa kamtunda ndithu kufikira pamene ndinangoona zi-i.

Ngakhale ndinali ndi mantha, ndinapitirizabe kusambira ndili ndi chikhulupiriro choti palibenso shaki inayomwe ikubwera. Koma panali ina. Kaya shaki imeneyi ndi imene inagwira anthu anatsala pamene panali boti lija, kaya inali itadya mitembo ya anthu kwinakwake, izo ndiye sindikudziwa. Koma nkhani ndi yakuti shaki imeneyi sinkachita zinthu mopupuluma ngati mashaki ena aja. Tsopano sindinkasambiranso mofulumira kwambiri chifukwa mphamvu zanga zinkathera kulowetsa mutu wanga m'madzi kuti ndidziwe pamene shakiyo ikuyendera. Posakhalitsa ndinaona shaki ija ikubwera molunjika kumene ndinali kuti idzandilume ndipo ndinatembenuka n'kuigwira mphuno. Komabe, kugundidwa kumeneko kunandikhwefula kwambiri moti ndinayamba kumira. Mwamwayi ndinakwanitsa kusiyana nayo ndipo inayambanso kusambira mondizungulira. Posakhalitsa inadzambatukanso n'kumabwera kuti indigwire, koma mwamwayi ndinayizembanso poigwira mphuno. Ulendo wachitatu inangondiphonya pang'onong'ono ndipo inandivulaza kwambiri chifukwa inayalula chikopa changa kuchokera pachigongono mpaka paphewa.

Kuvulala kumeneku kunanditayitsa mtima. Pa nthawiyi, chombo chija chinali mwina mapazi 200 kuchokera pamene ndinali. Nkhope yanga inali ili m'madzi n'kumayang'ana kumene shaki ija ili ndipo ndinaiona ikubweranso. Kenako ndinangoona thupi lakuda likudutsa pafupi nane n'kumalowera kumene kunkachokera shaki ija. Anali Otoo.

"Sambirani muzipita kumene kuli chomboko mbuyanga," anatero Otoo, ndipo anayankhula zimenezi mwanthabwala ngati palibe choopsa chilichonse chimene chikuchitika. "Ndimadziwana ndi shaki. Shaki ndi m'bale wanga."

Ndinamumvera ndipo ndinapitirizabe kusambira modzikoka. Otoo ankasambira chapafupi kwinaku akunditeteza kwa shaki ija. Ankachita zimenezi akundilimbikitsa kuti ndipitirizebe kusambira.

"Ndilowe m'madzimu kuti ndikalimbane nayo," anatero Otoo ndipo kenako analowa m'madzi n'kumakalimbana ndi shakiyo.

Pamene ndinkayandikira chombo chija, mwina kutangotsala mapazi 30 okha, ndinali nditatheratu. Ndisakunamizeni ayi, zinthu zinali zitafika poipa kwambiri moti ndinkalephera ndi kusuntha komwe. Anthu omwe anali m'chombo chija anayamba kutiponyera zingwe, koma zingwezo zinali zazifupi kwambiri moti tinkalephera kuzigwira. Shaki ija itaona kuti tikungosewera nayo popanda kuichita chilichonse, inatha mantha. Maulendo angapo inangotsala pang'ono kundigwira, koma ulendo ulionse, Otoo ankafika pa nthawi yake n'kundipulumutsa. Pamene zinafika, Otoo akanatha kuthawa, koma sanandisiye ngakhale pang'ono. Anakhalabe nane limodzi mpaka pamapeto.

"Utsale bwino, Charley!" ndinayesetsa kutsegula

pakamwa panga movutikira n’kunena mawu amenewa.

Ndinkadziwa kuti zavuta basi ndipo zinali zitafika poti nthawi iliyonse ndikataya mtima n’kusiya kusambira. Koma Otoo anaseka n’kunena kuti:

“Dikirani ndikuonetseni njira yatsopano yokhauli-tsira shaki. Ikamachoka pano ikhala itadziwanso.”

Kenako analowa m’madzi kumbuyo kwanga komwe kunkachokera shaki ija.

“Ingosambirani pang’ono mopita kumanzere,” anatero Otoo atatulutsanso mutu wake m’madzi. “kuli chingwe kumeneko ndipo muchigwire kuti akukokereni m’mwamba. Musafooke, pitirizani kusambira mbuyanga!”

Ndinayamba kusambira molowera kumanzere ndipo ndinayesa kugwira chingwecho maulendo angapo, koma ndinalephera. Pa nthawiyo, ndinali nditangotsala pang’ono kukomoka. Mwamwayi, ndinangozindikira dzanja langa lagwira chingwecho mwangozi ndipo ndinamva wina akukuwa kuchokera pamwamba. Nditatembenuka ndinangozindikira Otoo kulibe. Shaki ija inali itamutenga ndipo posakhaltisa ndinamuona akuphiriphitha pamwamba pamadzi.

“Otoo,” anandiitana mwachizimezime ndipo ndinamuona komaliza maso ake akusonyeza kukula kwa chikondi chomwe anali nacho pa ine. Kameneka kanali koyamba kumumva akundiitana ndi dzinali, lomwe sankafuna kuligwiritsa ntchito pazaka zonse zomwe tinakhala limodzi.

“Utsale bwino, Otoo,” anatero.

Kenako shaki ija inamulowetsa m’madzi, ndipo anthu anali pamwamba aja anandikokera m’chombo chija momwe ndinangofikira kukomoka.

Kulekana kwanga ndi Otoo kunali kumeneku. Otoo

yemwe anandipulumutsa n’kundithandiza kukhala munthu, yemwenso anandipulumutsa pamapeto pake. Tinakumana koyamba panyanja chombo chomwe tinakwera chitasweka, ndipo tinasiyananso panyanja shaki itatipezeketsa. Kwa zaka 17, tinakhala mabwenzi apamtima, ubwenzi womwe supezekapezeka pakati pa anthu awiri—wina wakuda, wina mzungu. Ngati Yehova kumwambako amana mpheta iliyonse yomwe yagwa pansi, ndikukhulupirira kuti sadzaiwala Otoo mu Ufumu wake. Sindikuikaikira kuti adzamukumbukira ngakhale kuti anali Munthu Wosapemphera yekhayo pachilumba chonse cha Bora Bora.

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